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Applicant:

Ameer et al.

Examiner:

Clark, D.

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09/495,278

Art Unit:

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For:

TRANSDERMAL THERMAL POLYMERIZATION

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION/ELECTION REQUIREMENT

Responsive to the Restriction Requirement mailed October 1, 2001 (Paper Number 9). Applicant respectfully elects Group II (claims 17-24, 26, 28-47, and 49), drawn to a method of drug delivery, compositions of polymerizable material and a system for drug delivery classifiable in class 424, subclasses 78.17 and 280.1. Given the election of Group II, Applicant further elects the species, therapeutic/prophylactic agents (claim 17) and prganic molecules, for prosecution on the merits. Given the election of organic molecules, Applicant further elects anti-inflammatory agents as the ultimate species for examination.

Applicant thanks the Examiner for careful consideration of this case. Please charge any fees that may be associated with this matter, or credit any overpayments, to our Deposit Account No. 03-1721.

Respectfully submitted,

C. Hunter Baker, M.D., Ph.D. Registration Number: 46,533

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TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Enclosed are the following documents:

- 1. Response to Restriction/Election Requirement
- 2. Return Postcard

If any additional fees are required to be paid or if any overpayment has been made, please charge same to Deposit Account No. 03-1721.

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